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Biographical Sketch

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The Black Daggers**

Staff Sgt. Dewey Vinaya joined the Black Daggers in September 2008. A native of Alexandria, Va., Vinaya is a graduate of Edison High School, Fairfax, Va. He is currently the Team Leader for the Black Daggers.

He joined the military in 1992 as a parachute rigger.

His first assignment was with the Airborne Test Facility, Yuma Proving Grounds, Yuma, Ariz. where he served for three years

Vinaya's previous military assignments include 3rd Special Forces Group (Airborne), Army Special Operations Command, both at Fort Bragg, N.C., 4/647th Air Drop Detachment, 101st Airborne Division, Fort Campbell, Ky., and the 87th Quartermaster Detachment (A), Oahu, Hawaii.

His military education includes the Parachute Maintenance School, Basic and Advanced Airborne School, Basic Military Freefall School and Air Assault School.

Presently, Vinaya is assigned to the Headquarters and Headquarters Company, U.S. Army Special Operations Command, Fort Bragg, N.C. and is a full-time member of the USASOC Parachute Demonstration Team.

His military awards and decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal, the Army Commendation Medal, the Army Achievement Medal, the Good Conduct Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, the Global War on Terror Expeditionary Medal, the Global War on Terror Service Medal, the Noncommissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon, the Army Service Ribbon, the Master Jumpmaster and Airborne Badge, Military Freefall Badge, Air Assault Badge, Parachute Technician Badge, and the German and Thailand Foreign Parachutist Badge.



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